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Speaker presents firsthand account of living with HIV

Corbin McGuire staff writer

The K-State Student Union Little Theatre housed a group Thursday night for an emotionally-charged, firsthand account of the challenges of living with HIV. The goal of the presentation was to raise awareness of HIV and AIDS.

The Union Program Councilsponsored event "Does HIV Look Like Me?" brought the story of Christina Rock to Manhattan.

Rock, who works with the organization Hope's Voice, tested positive for HIV before she was 3 years old during a time when testing positive for HIV meant a greater chance of death than it does today.

The source of Rock's infection was her mother, most likely through breast milk, Rock said.

"You might as well start planning your funeral," Rock said, concerning what it was like to be diagnosed in the 1980s.

Rock said the doctors told her father she probably wouldn't live past the age of 10 because of the lack

of treatment options.

When new medicine came about in 1996, Rock, then 12 years old, said she was severely sick and "ready to die"

The new medicine saved her life. Eventually Rock began speaking publicly about her story, hoping her openness would spread awareness throughout the upcoming genera-

"This generation can be the generation that can end AIDS," Rock said. "You do that by talking. Talking about your status. Going with friends and getting tested to find out their status. Just talking and sharing information. And erasing the stigma that surrounds it."

Rock, who has stabilized her condition to a very low HIV virus count, now has two healthy children and a husband who are not infected with the HIV virus.

For Tyler Jameson, sophomore in

secondary education, Rock's story hit a personal note.

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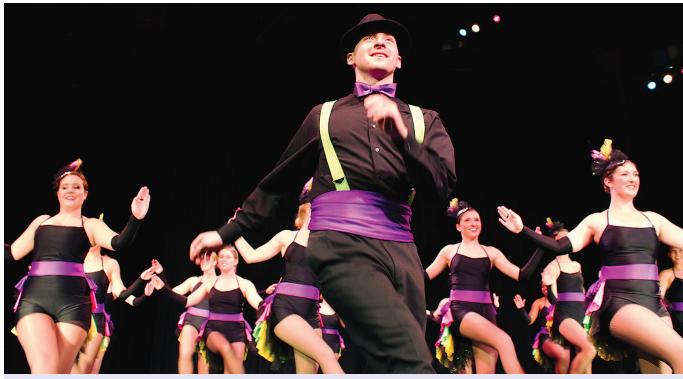
Audience members listen to Christina Rock's presentation "Does HIV Look Like Me?" in the K-State Student Union's Little Theatre Thursday

tive from someone who has lived through a similar situation.

"It was really beneficial because, though me and my friend have talked about it, it's like one of those things that we don't really talk about," Jameson said. "But it was really nurturing to realize that it's not just him. He's not

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K-Staters get down at WinterDance



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Tyler Nenaber, senior in nutrition and kinesiology, taps along with his fellow dancers during WinterDance 2012, put on by the K-State School of Music, Theatre, and Dance. The student showcase runs from Thursday evening to Saturday evening in Nichols Theatre.

Michelle Bertran

K-State's School of Music, Theatre and Dance performed WinterDance 2012 in Nichols Theatre last night. Various dance styles were performed including ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, modern and African

The show's opening number was an African piece, and it closed with an upbeat tap routine performed by K-State's Tap Dance Ensemble.

However, the audience really got into the funky, jazz piece titled "Hmmnmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm", choreographed by Julie L. Pentz, associate professor of dance and the show's director. During the performance, audience members smiled and bobbed their heads to the beat of the music, feeding off of the dancers' energy.

Elizabeth Zabel, senior in elementary education, said this was her favorite piece of the show.

"I loved their costumes, and I really liked the lighting," Zabel said. "I really liked how the

lights reflected off of the costumes; I thought it really added to it."

Zabel said that she appreciated the way in which the dancers performed solo before

coming together to dance as a group.

Another piece that received an enthusiastic reaction from the audience was "The Hat That... (Part 1)."

The theme was a silly, clumsy guy dressed in tacky clothes approaching a hat and dancing with it in numerous ways. Performed by Kyle Myers, graduate student in counseling and student development, it was the only humorous piece in the show and had the audience laughing hysterically.

Pentz explained how the dancers prepared or show time.

"The dancers came back early from fall break, so they were back by Sunday," Pentz said. "We went into technical rehearsals and that's when our lighting designers come into the theatre with the dancers to work out lights."

The dancers had almost a full week's preparation prior to the show, she said.

"On Tuesday we started our run-throughs, Pentz said. "So the dancers were in the theatre Sunday, Monday, Tuesday we started dress rehearsals, Wednesday final dress rehearsal, and here we are."

Pentz added that she thought the group's performance was fantastic. She said it was the best yet out of all of the run throughs.

Mary Anderson, Manhattan resident, expressed her enjoyment for the very last piece of the show.

"I think it was a great idea to close out the show with that tap dance," Anderson said. "It was so upbeat, it made me want to get up and

tap dance with them."

The final two showings of Winter Dance 2012 will be tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Nichols Theatre with an additional matinee

showing at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

K-State's School of Music, Theatre, and Dance will also put on a SpringDance showcase with the same variety of dance styles as the WinterDance. SpringDance 2013 is scheduled for April 5 and 6 of next year in McCain Auditorium.

Volleyball team falls in first round of NCAA tournament



Jacob Dean Wilson | Collegian

Members of the K-State volleyball team celebrate after scoring a point in the third and final set against the Northern Iowa Panthers on Thursday. The Wildcats came from behind and narrowly missed extending the match into a fourth set during the first round of the NCAA Women's Volleyball Championship in Lincoln, Neb. The team lost the set 21-25.

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A once-promising season came to an end Thursday night, as the K-State volleyball team fell to the Northern Iowa Panthers in three sets in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Lincoln, Neb.

The Panthers' defense stifled the Wildcats' offense, never allowing them to gain any ground. K-State finished the match with a hitting percentage of .164.

The Panthers got off to quick start in both of the first two sets, going up 5-1 and 6-2 and taking a commanding two to zero set lead into intermission.

The Wildcats showed some signs of life early in the third set as they jumped out to a quick 3-point lead and appeared to be ready to get back into the match.

Unfortunately, the Panthers fought back to take a 13-9 lead, forcing a K-State timeout. The Wildcats got back into the match, cutting the deficit to 22-20, but that was as close as they came before the Panthers went on to close out the match.

K-State was led by junior middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger, who finished the match with seven kills but, like the rest of the team, just could not get into any kind of rhythm on the offensive

K-State finishes the season with a 21-9 record. The careers of setter Caitlyn Donahue, opposite Kathleen Ludwig, defensive specialist Ali Boehler, middle blocker Alex Muff and defensive specialist Kuulei Kabalis came to an end, after the seniors helped guide the Wildcats to back-to-back NCAA tournament berths.

Speech students discuss various on-campus issues

Nicolas Wahl

On Thursday afternoon, six K-State students presented persuasive speeches to an audience in an attempt to convince students to sign petitions and spread the word on the proposals presented.

The event, put on in part by Speech II instructor Travis Smith, and held in the Town Hall Room of the Leadership Studies Building, allowed presenters to argue for changes in



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A collection of petitions sit at the ready to be signed by students that attended the speech forum organized by **Travis Smith** and his Speech II class on Thursday afternoon in the Leadership Studies Building. Six K-State students presented persuasive speeches on issues ranging from concealed carry laws to beer at K-State athletic events and urged students to show their support by signing petitions.

school policy while answering audience members' questions.

Ryan Ackerman, senior in finance, gave a speech promoting concealed carry permits for firearms on campus. His ideas hit home with Kimberly Allen, senior in marketing.

"I liked his style of speaking," Allen said. "I think he brought up an issue that universities don't really like to touch upon. I don't have a license and wouldn't be comfortable carrying a weapon, but it would be nice if somebody like Ryan, who's a responsible guy, to have our backs in a bad situation."

Ackerman told the crowd that there were 75 murders on college campuses last year alone, as well as a staggering 80,000 cases of forcible sexual assault

Yet, Ackerman said, the only non-police on campus who are carrying firearms are those perpetrating violent acts.

"K-State is a very safe campus," Ackerman told the crowd. "But so was Virginia Tech before 2007."

The sale of beer at university athletic events was the subject of Blair DeBord's proposal. DeBord, senior in marketing and a baseball player himself, argued for the increases in revenue and improved overall fan experience that the selling of cereal malt beverages at K-State athletics events would provide.

"It's not an issue of legality," DeBord said. "According to Casey Scott, senior associate athletics director for operations and event management, it's an issue of morality and how K-State wants to be seen as an institution."

DeBord noted the revenue and attendance increases at the University of Nebraska, and Wichita State University since adding alcohol to the in-game menu. He also cited West Virginia's \$700,000 in additional revenue from alcohol sales at football games, and predicted a revenue increase of \$57,000 from alcohol sales at K-State baseball games alone.

K-State's growing multicultural population and lack of adequate spatial representation for the 34 multicultural organizations on campus were the focus of the speech given by Mercedes Perry, junior in human resources and American ethnic studies.

Perry showed slides of multicultural centers at the University of Kansas, the University of Nebraska and the University of Missouri before revealing the multicultural office located in the K-State Student Union.

"Does this look like K-State is keeping up?" Perry asked as the crowd chuckled.

Perry's solution was for students to sign her petition to utilize Holtz Hall, which currently houses the Career and Employment Services offices that will be moving into the new East Stadium Welcome Center upon its opening, leaving a spot for multicultural organizations to call home.

"There are no current plans for Holtz Hall," Perry said. "But that can change if we just support this move."

Azsha Thompson didn't ask for much, just that left-handed students be given adequate access to left-handed desks and tables in K-State classrooms. It was enough to get John Petterson, junior in communication studies, on board.

"It's something that I don't really think about too often," said Petterson, who is right-handed. "But every once in a while I get stuck with a left-handed desk and it really bugs me. I can see where she is coming from."

A boisterous Thompson brought much of the crowd to laughter several times throughout her speech, urging them to sign a petition that would have K-State record accurate numbers oil

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K-State memes aim to entertain, stay positive



For a Facebook page that was just started this February,

K-State Memes has been a big hit. Creators Jess Eisenbarth, sophomore in biology, and Matthew Roeder, sophomore in graphic design, didn't realize that their page of memes regarding aspects of K-State — most of them true — would become so popular, ascending from between eight and 10 likes over the first week to over 4,000 likes now. Many K-State students

can relate to these posts, which describe life and events on the university's campus.

Though the memes on the Facebook page are funny, relatable and often true, one issue raised by the page is how Kansas State University as a whole is being portrayed. There is also a question of how the memes could influence prospective

"I don't think we've ever posted anything negative," Roeder said.

Roeder added that he and Eisenbarth try to stay away from negative posts, especially since he believes that posting something and deleting it later on can create a bigger problem. Their goal is to be funny; however, they attempt to respect the line between funny and demeaning.

According to its website, K-State's Division of Communications and Marketing is respon-sible for keeping K-State's image positive and friendly.

However, when asked about the K-State Memes page on Facebook, no one who responded seemed to know what it was, and Erinn Barcomb-Peterson, the division's director for news and editorial services, had no comment, stating that the page "is not something K-State is involved with anyway.

Is this page something K-State University's Divison of Communications and Marketing should worry about? The division does not monitor the page (although maybe it should); therefore, it has no knowledge about whether it sheds negative or positive light on K-State.

'It releases comical stress," said Zach Stroth, sophomore in family studies.

Stroth believes there is no harm in the K-State Memes page. He follows the page and likes a

lot of the material because the memes, for the most part, are accurate in their portrayal of K-State.

"It is insightful to the campus," Stroth said.

Stroth noted that some of the memes are comical, while others are helpful to students and teachers alike.

When you get down to it, this page of memes does not really affect K-State's image. More than anything, it gives K-State students something to relate to and provides humor to many of K-State's students, teachers and staff. Rather than being positive or negative, the page merely provides entertainment when you're bored or looking for a laugh.

Roeder and Eisenbarth encourage others to create memes and share them on the page, since they feel there is so much prime material left uncovered. K-State memes shed a unique light on K-State that students of all kinds can appreciate and that people looking in from outside may find appealing.

The page's overall tone is

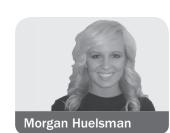
perhaps best described by its co-creator: "It's kind of the ways you razz on your friends. You're making fun of them, but you still love them," Eisenbarth said.

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iPhone iOS 6 software upgrade offers new features, met with mixed reviews



With the recent success of the iPhone 4S and iOS 5 software, Apple took the plunge in a new advancement in both the iPhone 5 and the new software of iOS 6. According to a Sept. 21

TechRadar article by Gary Marshall, the new software is "much more social than before." Not everyone is happy with the

upgrade, however, because of glitches and other issues.

iOS 6 upgrades iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch with more than 200 new features, including new versions of Maps, Camera and FaceTime, Siri, Phone and Safari applications.

Before the new update, Maps was as simple as its name. The user received directions and did their best to get to their destination. Maps is now vector based, keeps the streets and places in their real locations, zooms in and out smoothly and has voice navigation and real-time traffic updates.

These features were added, however, at the cost of longtime partner Google. Apple has used Google Maps in the past, but because of disagreements between the companies, Apple decided to create their own app. This has several loyal Apple costumers upset because the new version of Maps is less reliable and has more glitches than Google Maps ever did.

Although some costumers dislike iOS 6, others praise the new technology of the Camera and FaceTime application. iPhone cameras now have the ability to take photos in panoramic view. Also, the FaceTime application can now work over 3G provided that you have the correct hardware and calling plan. It will work with the iPhone 4S but not the iPhone 4.

The Phone system and Safari also needed a necessary update due to complications in past versions. iPhone users now have the ability to put off a phone call with just a few swift motions. The iOS 6 software allows users to instantly reply with a text message, set a callback reminder when they decline an incoming call, or put their phone in "Do

Safari now lets users save web pages and open up their most recent tabs even when not connected to the Internet. Users can also read while offline and then switch to another device to read the same article from the place

Not Disturb" mode.

Apple also made improve-

ments to Siri. Siri can now understand more languages, work in more countries, provide updates on the scores of the latest games, find the best restaurants and give the user the dates and times of nearby movie theaters.

With all the new updates, you'd think people would be excited, but this was not the case upon the software's release. An Oct. 1 Fox News article by Jeremy A. Kaplan stated that over 183 million out of 283 million eligible users — that's more than half — did not update to iOS 6.

By Nov. 9, Northern Voices Online reported that about one-third of iPhone customers in the U.S. and Canada had still not upgraded. Why? Some users choose not to update due to technological issues, having the wrong version of the iPhone or because they wanted to buy the iPhone 5.

Being an iPhone 4S user myself, I do not believe upgrading to the new iOS 6 system is critical. I have updated my phone, and I find that I have hardly used any of the new software updates. TechRadar said it best, stating that the new iOS 6 software is "the refinement of something that already works extremely well."

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Audiences pay money for familiar movie sequels, regardless of quality



We've all had that feeling, whether sitting in a movie theater or on the couch, of finishing a movie and thinking that there could not possibly be a part two. Nowadays, however, if you assume a film will not have a sequel, you'll more than likely be proven wrong. Why are film sequels, most often vastly inferior to the originals, so popular in Hollywood today? From the "Rocky" series that

didn't stop after one, or two or three, but made six films, to unlikely sequels such as "The Hangover 2," a lot of it comes down to dollars.

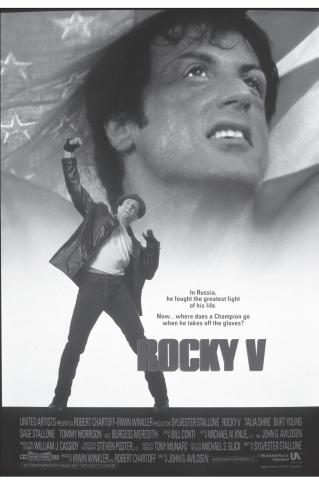
According to a June 26 U.S. News article by Danielle Kurtzleben, in 2011 nine of the top 10 grossing movies worldwide were sequels. Number one was the last of the "Harry Potter" series, which made roughly \$1.3 billion. Compare that to the roughly \$975 million made by the first Harry Potter movie.

Or take number two on the list: the third installment of the "Transformers" series. That film made over \$1.1 billion compared to the first film, released in 2007, which made a little over \$700 million.

Directors have discovered that people love familiarity. If they love a movie, they'll more than likely go see the sequel, regardless of quality.
"The idea of doing sequels

was not invented by this generation, but the kind of sequels have totally changed directions. Now the only sequels are the big rock'em sock'em ones," said Lawrence Turman, film producer and the chair of the Peter Stark Producing Program at the University of Southern California, according to the U.S. News article. "The studios have learned that the biggest revenues come with the biggest cost, the most expensive risk. And if it worked once, why not a second time?"

This begs the question: When is a sequel a bad idea? The name rings a bell, but i'm sure most of my generation have never seen the movie "Casablanca." To be honest, I haven't either. The famous



romantic drama starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman was released in Janu-

Current rumor is that Warner Bros. is considering making a sequel to the timeless classic. However, sequels often involve similar actors, actresses or directors. In the case of "Casablanca," director Michael Curtiz passed away 50 years ago, and the leading actors and actresses have all passed away as well. So would it really be a sequel or more of a remake?

Howard Koch, the original screenwriter of Casablanca wrote the guidelines for a sequel in the 1980s. Cass Warner, granddaughter of Warner Bros. co-founder Harry Warner, was reportedly given the script by Koch, according to a Nov. 5 Entertainment Weekly article by Josh Stillman.

"It was just gold," Warner said in the article. "When he pulled that out and showed it to me, I almost fainted."

Why would anyone want to make a sequel to a movie that came out during World War II? The obvious answer to me would have to be money. The name "Casablanca" alone will get people to the movie theater. Then factor in all the people who will go out and re-buy the first part — not only older people, but people of my generation as well.

This is just another cog in the money making machine. Next we will have film directors making sequels to the "Star Wars" films that came out in the early 1980s, or perhaps "Rocky 7: The Rise of Rocky's Son."

Filmmakers can get some pretty ridiculous ideas, but if they have people who will fund their ideas and think they can get money off of it, they will get it on the big screen.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy movie series, trilogies and sequels when they are needed. But if you think i'm going to waste money to go see something that didn't leave me hanging with the previous film, well then you are mistaken.

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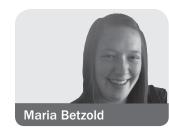
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Ireland should review abortion laws after woman's death





Ireland is a predominantly Catholic country; over 84 percent of Ireland's population are members of the Catholic Church. However, the country's staunch adherence to religion attracted worldwide attention when doctors there denied an Indian woman an abortion that would have saved her life.

Savita Halappanavar, 31, died in October after being denied an abortion in Galway University Hospital in Ireland due to the fact that the fetus still had a heartbeat. The incident has garnered criticism over the nation's laws regarding abortion and its emphasis on religion.

In my opinion, the hospital in Ireland was wrong to deny Halappanavar the abortion that would have saved her life. If the doctors were torn over whether to save Halappanaver or her baby, they may have had cause to deny the abor-

However, according to a Nov. 15 Telegraph article by Victoria Ward, there was

no chance of survival for the baby. Halappanaver died days after the

baby's death from blood poisoning. Part 3, Article 5, Section 66 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Love toward oneself remains a fundamental principle of morality; therefore it is legitimate to insist on respect for one's own right to life."

This is part of the Church's concept of "legitimate defense" which allows for the taking of a life in order to preserve one's own. If the Church's Catechism can say it, why can't laws in Ireland say it? If the mother is in critical danger, the abortion is considered self-defense.

According to a Nov. 17 Associated Press article, Halappanavar was admitted to the hospital at the start of an obvious miscarriage. The article went on to state that this death highlights, "Ireland's long struggle to come to grips

The Irish doctors should've done what they could do for the mother rather than focus on the baby, because there was no hope for the baby's survival. Ireland should look to the consequences of this incident and rethink their current laws.

Any situation in which the mother's survival is questionable is a situation

worth considering the options. Just because a fetus has a heartbeat does not mean that the heartbeat of the fetus is the best thing for the mother's health.

According to a Nov. 24 Irish Times article by Kitty Holland, doctors responded to Halappanavar's pleas for an end to the miscarriage (then on its third day) by telling her that a termination was impossible due to Irish law stating that if the fetus has a heartbeat, no one can interfere. The fetus's heart stopped beating the next day.

The woman was enduring physical and emotional pain; I can see why she would have wanted to terminate the

miscarriage.
She had valid reasoning and a valid concern for herself and her pregnancy, but I don't understand why the Irish doctors do not have an easy fix for that. The law is obviously put in place because someone somewhere tried to violate it before when it was less specific.

Also, according to several of the articles already mentioned, Halappanavar's doctors' main excuse was that "Ireland is a Catholic country."

I would think that if Ireland put a law in place to end abortion within its borders, there would at least be a disclaimer like in the Catechism of the Catholic Church saying that in some circumstances, abortion might be the only answer.

Á mother has an obligation to care for her child, but if the fetus is unable to survive, like in this situation, the mother should be able to fulfill her obligation to care for herself.

According to a Nov. 20 Associated Press article by Shawn Pogatchnik, the Irish government removed three Galway University Hospital doctors from its panel of investigators looking into Halappanavar's death.

Prime Minister Enda Kenny told the reporter that three other officials "who have no connection at all with University Hospital Galway" will replace them. This decision was made in order to ensure that the investigation will be independent and unbiased, according to Kenny.

At this point, I think that the decision to remove the doctors was a great one. Ireland does not need any more criticism for mistakes on the current issue.

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Copyright laws designed to protect corporations, estates, not creative work



Did you know that there's a good version of "Star Wars Episode 1"? It's called "The Phantom Edit," and it was put together by a fan with a knack for editing film. The so-called Phantom editor tightened up some of the action sequences, cut out a lot of Jar Jar's dumb antics and released his much-improved fan edit on the Internet.

Fan edits like this one have always existed in the fuzzy gray area of what constitutes copyright infringement, but LucasArts is aware of "The Phantom Edit's" existence and hasn't taken any legal action against it — a good gesture for building a fandom that can add their own value to a creative work. Now try to imagine a Disney-owned LucasArts doing the same with its new fandom. Yeah, I can't imagine it either.

Disney has a history of going to great lengths to protect its copyrighted properties. In 1998, Congress passed the Sonny Bono Act, which extended

the author's death. Before the act was passed, copyright terms were soon to expire, so media groups like the MPAA, RIAA and Disney began lobbying Congress to extend the terms 20 years (Disney spent an estimated \$800,000 on campaign contributions alone), and it

In fact, the Sonny Bono Act was the eleventh time in 40 years that Congress had extended copyrights and prevented works from entering the public domain. Disney, owner of many very old movies that are still profitable, has obvious incentive to keep its copyrights alive, and I wouldn't be surprised if Disney tries lobbying again in 2018 when the Sonny Bono Act runs out, and every 20 years after

I always find it curious that American copyrights are extended past the lifetime of the author at all, let alone 70 years past. It comes down to a question of what copyright is supposed to do. If the purpose is to protect authors and encourage creativity and innovation, a posthumous copyright is overkill, to say the least.

A copyright gives a creator incentive to create something by ensuring that others won't take away his audience and income with their own versions of his

copyright terms to 70 years after work. If incentivizing creativity is their own versions of George the goal, a copyright need only exist as long as the work is profitable to the original author.

On the other hand, Disney seems to view copyright not so much as a way to encourage creativity, but as a way to protect its revenues. Extending the copyright on "Cinderella" didn't benefit Walt Disney at all, and I can't honestly believe that a modern filmmaker or writer would decide a project was worth creating because he was waiting for his estate to be guaranteed 70 years of profits instead of 50.

The fact that there is any protection whatsoever after the author's death means that copyright law is protecting people who aren't the original creators, like estates and corporations that happen to own some of those extraordinarily rare works that continue to be popular and profitable decades after being published.

In addition to protecting estates, I would argue that our overextended copyright is actually detrimental to modern creators. TV characters almost never sing "Happy Birthday" because that song is copyrighted, and it won't enter public domain until 2030 (unless copyrights are extended again).

Until 2038, musicians and filmmakers can't record Gershwin's classic "Rhapsody in Blue," or even use passages from it, without paying royalties to the Gershwin estate. Eric Eldred, an Internetbased publisher, actually went all the way

to the Supreme Court (and lost) in Eldred v. Ashcroft over his inability to publish remixed versions of Robert Frost poems on his noncommercial website, The Eldritch Press.

lowing its own brilliant model of retooling classics for a new generation in a new medium. It's easier than ever to access and share creativity and to create something, even for

a casual hobbyist, but more

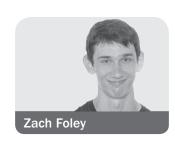
difficult (and less legal) than

Ironically, Disney's lobbying is preventing others from fol-Illustration by Erin Logan

> ever to draw from the works of others. This points to a larger problem with our model of copyright: It wasn't prepared for the information age.

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Americans should focus on real news, issues, not celebrity train wrecks



In a society obsessed with celebrity culture, one would hope people would look up to and follow admirable celebrities who do good deeds like Oprah and Angelina Jolie. However, most of the time this is not

Many Americans look to train wreck celebrities like Lindsay Lohan, Amanda Bynes and the Kardashian family for entertainment and inspiration. Whether it's the joy of watching someone whose life is going worse than their own or the pleasure in seeing someone fall from the top, one thing is for sure: the bigger a mess a celebrity is, the more people care.

Lindsay Lohan seemed to be on top of the world in 2004

after hit movies like "Freaky Friday" and "Mean Girls," but now her life consists of more court appearances than it does movies. For an actress who hardly acts at all, she is still a big name in the industry — not for her work, but for her numerous run-ins with the law and her crazy family.

Why does anyone still care about Lohan? This is a question I have pondered for a good long while. Maybe people are hoping for a good comeback story to result from her tumultuous life, but considering she has been on a downward spiral for the better part of a decade that seems unlikely.

Perhaps people just want to see how far she can fall, which seems to be pretty far; every time she seems to hit rock bottom she finds a new way to dig herself deeper. I just hope that people don't pay attention to her because they pity her. No one should feel bad for her. If she really wanted to turn her life around she would get out of the public eye, but because she



constantly keeps herself in the spotlight she will be receiving no pity from me.

Similarly, Amanda Bynes also deserves no sympathy for her situation. She was never as famous as Lohan for her career accomplishments, but seems to have followed in her criminal footsteps nonetheless. This year, Bynes has been involved in two hit-and-run accidents, has been charged with a DUI and has had her license suspended.

Considering the fact that Bynes has not done any acting since her role in 2010's "Easy A" and wasn't on many people's radar when she was working, I don't think anyone should care about her recent criminal behaviors. Bynes, who is only 26, has actually retired from acting twice in her short life. She retired once in June of 2010 only to come out of retirement in August of the same year, and again earlier this year.

If Bynes really wanted to retire to escape the public spotlight, she wouldn't be doing the things that she does. Her recent behaviors seem like a desperate cry to get people to care about her again. She is trying

to make a name for herself, no matter how bad that name is.

Bynes' "look at me" behavior has caused her publicist, lawyer and agent to all drop her as a client. Now if only this behavior could cause Americans to revoke her celebrity status and allow her to fade into obscurity.

Speaking of obscurity, that is exactly where the Kardashian family came from; however, the release of middle sister Kim's sex tape allowed the family to find fame instead of shame. For the Kardashians, the tape was a blessing that propelled them to celebrity status.

Now millions of people cannot wait to "Keep Up With" the family each week. Their status as reality stars has helped them launch business ventures such as a clothing line and a nail polish range, which help them rake in millions of dollars a year. But before supporting the Kardashians in one of their many business ventures, it is important to remember that they are famous because of a sex tape, not

because of any skills or talents they possess.

This might seem like a shallow and vapid story on people who don't matter, and that is exactly right. The media needs to stop focusing on celebrities who do bad things and start focusing on actual bad things, like the conflicts in Gaza and unemployment. But that is not going to happen because those things actually affect people.

The masses would much rather hear about irrelevant train wrecks like Lohan than serious issues because badlybehaved celebrities and their antics provide an escape. The wrongdoings and constant pitfalls of celebrity life take people away from the horrors that exist in the world, and for that reason the media will continue to feed into the obsession of celebrities behaving badly, just as i have with this article.

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HIV | Myths clarified

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Rock broke her presentation into three parts: HIV and AIDS 101, her personal story and a question and answer session.

Pointing out common misconceptions about HIV is one area Rock focused on. The first common confusion Rock noted was that just because a person is infected with HIV doesn't mean they have AIDS.

"A lot of people get those two words confused and think they are the exact same thing," Rock said. "HIV is a virus. AIDS is a clinical diagnosis."

Rock also clarified a few of the ways HIV can be contracted, including unprotected sex, unsanitary needles for drug use and even breast milk.

The breast is not always the best," Rock said, getting a laugh out of the audience, which she did often throughout her presen-

Courtney Kolterman, senior in public health nutrition, said Rock's personal story concerning how she became infected with HIV was probably the most beneficial aspect of her presentation.

"I think that in a way she's kind of educating others on the different ways to transmit it. It's not just through having sex. It can be through breast milk like she said," Kolterman said. "I think it's just raising awareness that there are those misconceptions and we need to clarify those."

SGA hears issues concerning left-handed students

Zach Foley

In their final meeting of the semester, the Student Governing Association heard from a speaker on the lack of equality for left-handed students on campus. Other topics discussed during the meeting, held in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union, were a pilot program for a charging station around campus, the basketball points system and a number of bills allocating funds.

Azsha Thompson, junior in finance, discussed simple accommodations not currently being made on campus for left-handed students such as

the lack of left-handed desks available in campus classrooms. She added that 15 percent of the nation is leftĥanded.

"The problem is there are no statistics about lefthanded students at K-State," Thompson said. "Without knowing statistics we are blinded by the issue."

Thompson presented the solution of putting a question about dominant hands on enrollment forms. The information will then be given to teachers on their rosters. Teachers will in turn be able to get an appropriate number of left-handed desks in each

Another solution already

present in some classrooms is the use of long tables instead of desks. These ambidextrous options are most prominent in the Leadership Studies building which was designed with the goal of the inclusion of all in its mission statement.

Thompson hopes that the SGA can assist her in petitioning admissions for the addition of a dominant hand question on enrollment forms.

Grant Hill, student body vice president and senior in accounting, informed the student senators about a pilot program to start next semester in which a phone charging station will move to various

hot spots around campus. Cords will be provided, and if the program is successful it will expand to multiple permanent charging stations instead of one mobile one.

Student body president Nate Spriggs, senior in architectural economics, then explained problems with the existing basketball points program. Currently when students attend a game they scan their card and receive a point that goes toward the seats they will get for the game against KU. Students with the most points get the best seats because of loyalty throughout the season.

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and provide quality seating for lefties in all classrooms.

Jim Woods, senior in communication studies, proposed on-campus busing for the benefit of students.

"We already have off-campus bus routes, and K-State students are the No. 1 users of ATA buses in Manhattan," Woods said. "Why shouldn't we have oncampus bus routes as well?"

Woods proposed a threestop bus route that would alleviate the problems getting from one spot on campus to another and freeing up more time for seconds-starved K-State students to get things done.

He said that money is not the issue prohibiting an on-campus bus route, noting that lack of planning currently prevents students from getting a ride across

The other proposition presented may have hit close to home with students in the au-

dience as Jess Wood, senior in marketing, used a personal experience to raise awareness about the potential pitfalls associated with young and first-time renters getting scammed out of money by rental companies.

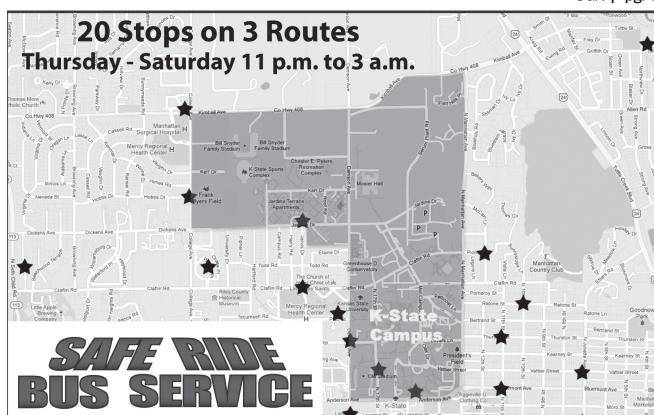
"Young renters don't understand the importance of filling out a proper condition form before renting," Wood said. "We're getting swindled."

Wood laid out his experience on a slide detailing how he and his roommates saved over \$2,000 in potential losses to a property-management company. They had to get a lawyer to clear themselves of the bogus charges, but Wood urged that awareness would rid future renters of the same troubles.

His petition aimed to provide incoming students with information on how to avoid a bad situation with a future landlord.

Students that attended were invited to ask questions and sign the petitions after the speeches

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Architecture program continues to receive high rankings, accolades

Kari Bolton

contributing writer

The College of Architecture, Planning and Design at K-State continued its record of high rankings in the November/December 2012 issue of Design Intelligence magazine entitled "America's Best Architecture and Design Schools

In the newest edition of the magazine, K-State placed 13th in the architecture graduate program, 11th in the landscape architecture graduate program and 9th in the interior design graduate

Ann Huynh, sophomore in architecture, said being an architecture student means late nights and several long, detailed projects. However, she added that the professors make sure students are constantly learning more every

day.
"They push us to the limit so that you can do the best you can," Huynh said. "It's nice because some of the teachers have different focuses and different expectations, so you have freedom to see what you are best at and what the best technique is for yourself."

This is the fifth time in the last five years the graduate program in architecture has been ranked in the top 20, and the fourth time it has been ranked in the top 15.

The 2013 edition, unlike the 2012 edition, took into account undergraduate programs, and, according to an email interview with Tim de Noble, professor and dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, K-State no longer has an undergraduate architecture program.

The undergraduate programs for landscape architecture and interior design, according to de Noble, both placed in the top 10

In 2012, K-State placed fifth in graduate programs for architecture, following only Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Washington University. Below K-State in this category are schools such as Cornell

K-State's undergraduate programs in interior architecture design and landscape design were ranked in the top eight in the design magazine.

When comparing the rankings of other colleges in the Skills Assessment Section of the magazine in 2012, K-State ranked in the top five in seven of eight categories. No other public or private university was in the top five in more than five categories on the list, according to de Noble.

The programs offered by the college aim to give students the chance to get ready for the world of employment.

"The college has provided us with opportunities to meet future employers, such as the Design Expo, and they help us prepare by providing mock interviews and portfolio classes throughout the year," said Logan Carlyle, junior in

Carlyle said that due to the college's low teacher-to-student ratio, each student is personally taught, motivating students to work

The Design Intelligence Special Report on Architecture School Tuition and Fees 2012-2013 said

K-State is the 15th least expensive program in the nation when considering in-state tuition and the 14th least expensive program when considering out-of-state tu-

K-State also has the least expensive architecture program ranked in the magazine.

De Noble said he hopes for the college to remain as successful as it has been so far and to continue to improve its programs as time goes on.

"We will continue to focus on the role of design and planning professionals as leaders in our society," de Noble said.

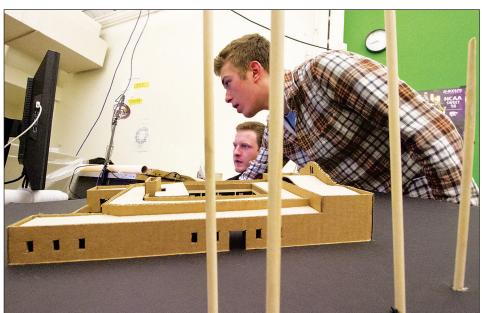
De Noble added that the rankings reflect the willingness and drive of the students, as well as the dedication and supportive nature the faculty and staff have demonstrated over the years.

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TOP RIGHT: Brandon Lambrecht and Cameron Marshall, both third-year architecture students, work on a project Wednesday night in Seaton Hall. The project involves designing "The Abiquiu Courtyard Garden" for a client in

New Mexico. BOTTOM RIGHT: While working on a computer, Cameron
Marshall, third-year architecture
student, listens to Brandon
Lambrecht, also a third-year architecture student, talk about a fireplace on their model Wednes-day night in Seaton Hall.





SGA | Bills passed in last meeting

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The problem with the current program is that students are scanning their cards and then leaving the game, Spriggs said. It has been suggested that students should have to scan their cards again on the way out, but nothing has been decided yet.

"It is only 45 or 50 students each game [that leave early]," Spriggs said. "I'd hate to inconvenience students doing it right by making them scan their

cards again." The final action of the night was voting on various bills allocating funds. These included funds for a speaker who was involved in sex trafficking during her time at K-State, the financing of a trip to the Kansas National Resource Conference and bringing in an improv group for the university's 150th anniversary. All of the bills voted on were passed.

SGA will meet next on Jan. 31, 2013 in the Big 12 Room of the Union at 7 p.m.

Social media round table discusses ways to reach students

Jeana Lawrence

With social media, it is often hard to know the source behind posts and tweets.

On Thursday, a monthly social media round table was held in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library to discuss tactics that different K-State departments and organizations can use to connect with students. Several different departments were present, from Hale Library employees to Counsel-

ing Services. It's a great chance for me to get together and talk to people who do what I do," said Donna Ekart, social media manager

for Hale Library. These social media round tables were started two years ago when the Division of Communications and Marketing wanted more collaboration between the various departments and services on campus, according to Cindy Hollingsworth, manager and administrator in the division.

"We have people from all different areas," Hol-lingsworth said. "It's really anyone who has the responsibility of managing their team's social media presence."

In the round table, members discussed the various changes being made to the social media directory that guides students to their respective department's Facebook, Twitter or other social media site. In addition, members discussed password protection strategies.

"It's easier now than ever to be hacked," said Melissa Morris, social media specialist in the Division of Communications and Marketing. "It's a top national security issue, according to the White House."

Morris also discussed new ways to better protect passwords. She recommended that individuals start using at least

12-character passwords—the new gold standard in password protection.

According to Morris, some of the most common passwords include "password," "123456," or "abc123." She stressed that individuals should use uniqueness when creating passwords and advised using a "passphrase," a phrase that is meaningful and easy to remember. These phrases can be song lyrics, quotes or poems. One example Morris gave was, "MayThe-

ForceBeWithYou." Along with password security, both Morris and Hollingsworth discussed various new updates within social media, such as the new Facebook changes. Within the last year, Facebook has switched to the timeline view and added cover photos. Each new improvement could help department pages better reach students,

Morris said. For example, each K-State department and service is required to have the same ID photo. However, with the new cover photo, departments can add a bit of flare to their page and show what the department is all about.

With the new timeline feature, departments can add milestones or relevant stories and highlight what the department has done over the years. The goal, for each department, is to attract students to come to K-State and join the respective department.

'Social media is always changing at a rapid pace," Hollingsworth said. "Getting together and answering some questions saves time and you get a great opportunity to network and get new ideas."

The event allowed different departments on campus to strategize about the problems they are facing.
"You usually don't know

the face behind the posts or tweets," Morris said. "It's good to get that face time and meet with different departments and talk about issues that you're facing. You get to learn from others doing what you're



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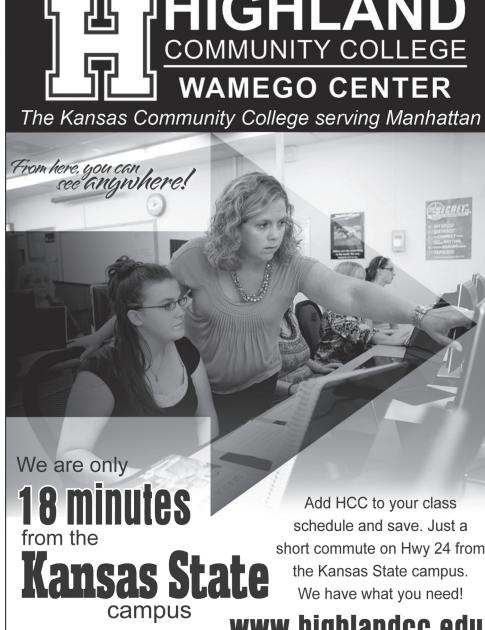
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